



International Camping Certification

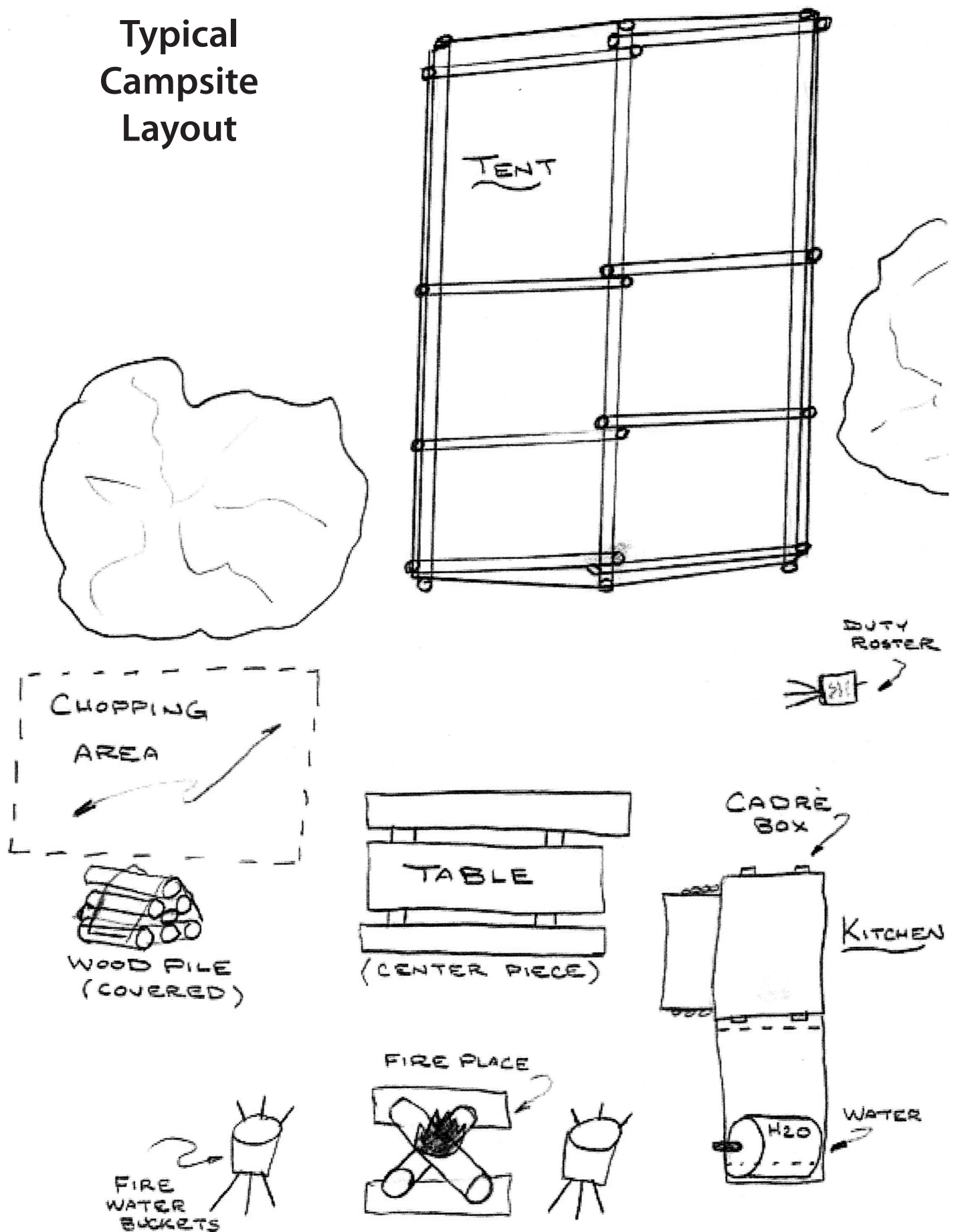
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Site Selection and Camp Layout

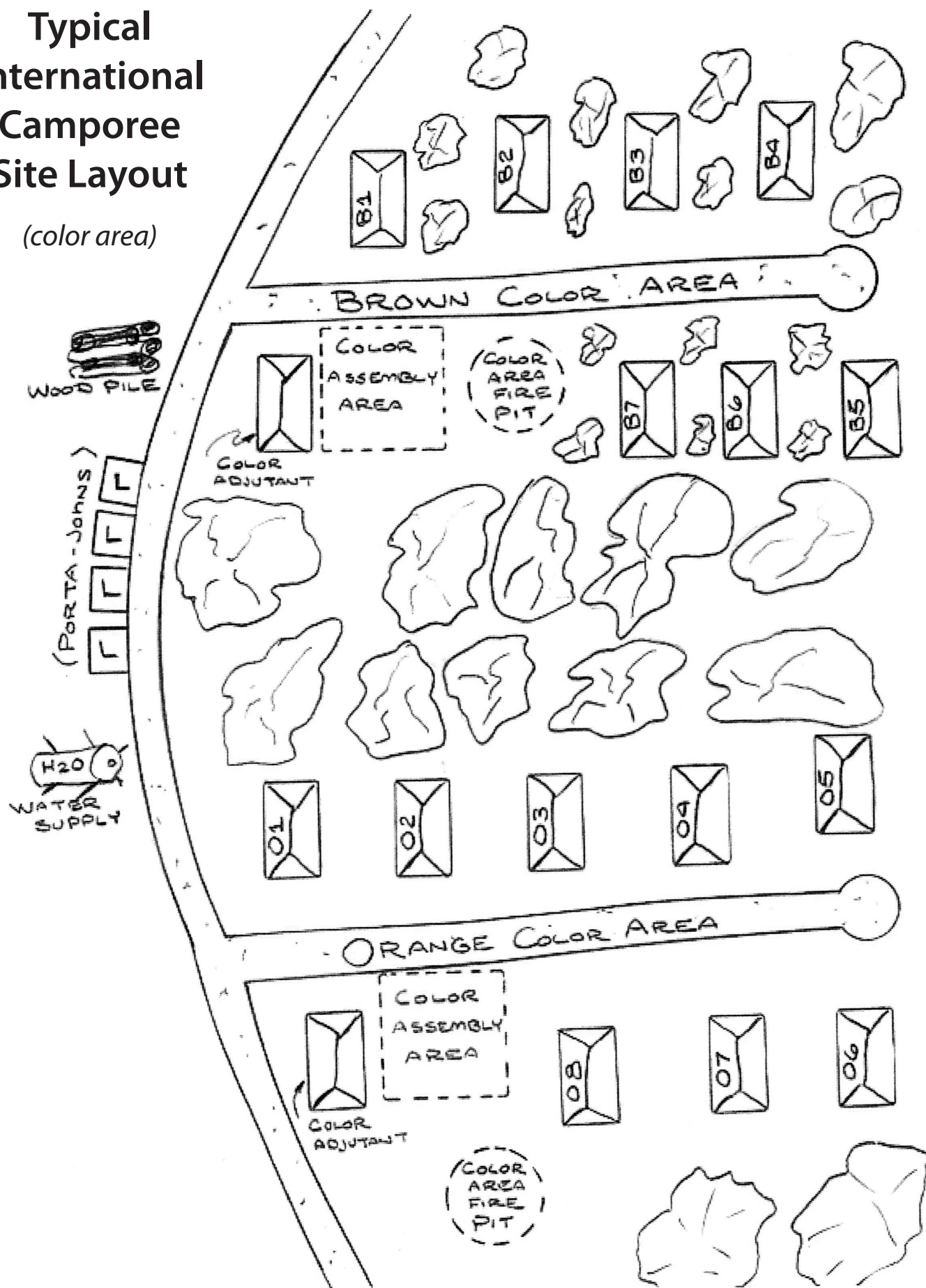
1. Select a site that . . .
 - a. has a good firewood supply nearby (*provided at International*).
 - b. is on level, open ground where sunlight will not be completely blocked out.
 - Trees will provide wind blockage and some shade.
 - Use the trees to build your tent.
 - c. is on high ground to assure good drainage.
 - Water runs down hill.
 - Cold air will stay in low spots.
 - d. is not on top of a hill. Wind is not your friend.
2. After your site is selected, . . .
 - a. clear your site of brush, dead limbs and branches. Also clear away pricklers, thorns, and small rocks to avoid puncturing your ground cloth!
 - b. pitch your tent away from tall trees (*lighting*) and sand (*washout*).
 - c. pitch your tent with the open end opposite the direction of storms or strong winds. *Most storms or strong winds come from the S.W., so you should typically face the opening toward the S.E.*
 - d. arrange your tents in an orderly fashion (*straight line or semi-circle*).
 - e. if permitted, trench around tents for drainage, but be careful since this will cause erosion to the land.
3. Include these items on your site:
 - a. **Fire Place**—one of the most important items.
 - Away from trees—you don't want to start a forest fire.
 - Close to your kitchen area.
 - Close to your wood pile
 - Enclosed (logs or rocks) and able to comfortably maneuver around it 360° to avoid smoke.
 - b. **Kitchen**—keep clean and far enough from your fireplace to prevent ashes from blowing into your food, but close enough to make cooking easy.
 - c. **Wood Pile**—keep close to kitchen and covered with water-proof tarp. You will need tinder, kindling and fuel.
 - d. **Water Supply**—keep close to kitchen. Make sure the water container is closed after each use.
 - e. **Refuse Pit** (if needed)— A hole at least 5 feet deep and located at least 50 feet from kitchen area. This is not for garbage, but for cans and jars.
 - f. **Grease Trap** (if needed)— A hole at least 2 feet deep and located at least 50 feet from kitchen area. Put a layer of dry twigs and grass over the hole to filter grease out of your dishwater. Burn the grass at the end of each day.
 - g. **Latrine** (if needed)— a narrow ditch 3 feet deep with a seat built over it. This should be located at least 100 feet from the kitchen area at a lower level (down wind) than the rest of the camp. Keep toilet paper in a sealed coffee can to protect it from rain and animals.
 - h. **Water Buckets** (for fires)—2 by each fire place or campfire.

Typical Campsite Layout



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(color area)



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Cadre: _____

Duties (*Rotate assignments among all Cadets*)

1. Cook (in charge of meal)
2. Assistant cook
3. Fireman
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5. Kitchen police
6. Area cleanup and water man

Cadet Name	Phone #	Friday Dinner	Sat. Break	Sat. Lunch			
BEN		1	5	3			
DAN		2	6	4			
RAY		3	1	5			
TED		4	2	6			
BILL		5	3	1			
MARK		6	4	2			

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A Ministry Approach to Camping

Camping provides one of the most effective tools a Counselor has to reach boys. That 2-hour-a week meeting suddenly expands to provide a variety of new experiences. The outdoor setting brings men and boys closer together as well as closer to God's marvelous creation.

The challenge is to approach your Cadet camping experience as an exciting way to expand your ministry to the boys. You can meet that challenge by understanding and utilizing the great opportunities for ministry that camping provides. For example....

1. Building Relationships. You should continue your small group (Cadre) approach when you organize your campouts. As you work, play, sleep, eat, talk, etc. together you will have numerous opportunities to strengthen your relationship with your Cadre. And because you are together for an extended period of time, you will also have more opportunities to talk individual boys.

What can you do to help create and make the most of these priceless opportunities? Here are some tips:

- A. Be available! Let boys know by your friendly and open attitude (and presence) that they are free to talk with you about anything.
 - B. Be Prepared! Walk close to your Lord. Carry a small Bible with you at all times. You can't quote Scripture if you don't know it!
 - C. Needs Assessment. Think about each boy's needs and isolate one particular area that you would like to bring up in personal counseling. Then look for or make opportunities to discuss it.
 - D. Planning. Plan your camping schedule to provide time and occasions for personal counseling with the boys. A good way to do this is to allow an hour in the afternoon for work on achievement.
 - E. Be Alert! You never know when God will give you an unplanned opportunity.
2. Helping Boys Grow. In Cadetting we talk about helping boys grow spiritually in all areas of life: devotional, mental, physical, and social. The length of the time together plus the physical setting that camping provides and gives you unique opportunities for growth that cannot be duplicated in a regular Cadet meeting. Here are some examples:
 - A. Morning Watch, A special time in the morning. Meal time devotions or late night discussions around campfires.
 - B. Merit Badges. Through Exploring or Skills Merit Badges, in the Camping and other outdoors areas.
 - C. God in Nature.
 - D. The physical "stress" of wilderness-type camping.
 - E. Social "Stress". That comes from being together for expanded periods of time.

3. Behavior Management—If a camper’s behavior is not acceptable to you, remember the following RULES (not just guidelines).

A camper shall not be deprived of food or sleep; shall not be placed alone without staff supervision, observation, and interaction; and shall not be subjected to hazing, ridicule, threat, corporal punishment, excessive physical exercise, or excessive restraint. “Excessive restraint” means restricting movement beyond that which is necessary to assist a camper to regain control or that is necessary to protect the camper from injuring himself or others. Restraint, when used, shall be the least amount of force necessary over the shortest period of time necessary.

The boys and the challenge are there. **You** are the final ingredient!